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HOUSE BILL NO. 468

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

SCHOOLS/EMPLOYEES: Provides eligibility for sabbatical leave for certified school nurses, audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists employed by state special schools and by city, parish, and other local public school systems

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:46(A)(1)(b) and 1170, relative to school employees; to  
3 provide eligibility for sabbatical leaves to certain certified school nurses,  
4 audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists employed  
5 by state special schools and by city, parish, and other local public school systems;  
6 to provide for limitations on such eligibility with respect to fiscal conditions; and to  
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:46(A)(1)(b) and 1170 are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
10 as follows:

11 §46. Sabbatical leave program

12 A.(1)

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14 (b) As used in this Subpart, the words "teacher" or "teaching staff" shall  
15 include any social worker, guidance counselor, school nurse, audiologist, educational  
16 diagnostician, speech-language pathologist, or school psychologist employed by a  
17 special school who holds, ~~as applicable, a~~ the appropriate valid professional ancillary  
18 certificate ~~in school social work, guidance counseling, or school psychology~~ issued  
19 by the state Department of Education. For a school nurse, a professional ancillary  
20 certificate means a Type A, Type B, or Type C certificate.

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## 1           §1170. Definitions

2           As used in this Subpart, the words "teacher" or "teaching staff" shall include  
3           any person employed by a city, parish, or other local public school board in the state  
4           of Louisiana who holds a valid teaching certificate issued by the state Department  
5           of Education and any social worker, guidance counselor, school nurse, audiologist,  
6           educational diagnostician, speech-language pathologist, or school psychologist  
7           employed by a city, parish, or other local public school board in the state who holds;  
8           ~~as applicable, a~~ the appropriate valid professional ancillary certificate ~~in school~~  
9           ~~social work, guidance counseling, or school psychology~~ issued by the state  
10          Department of Education. For a school nurse, a professional ancillary certificate  
11          means a Type A, Type B, or Type C certificate.

12          Section 2. School nurses, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and  
13          educational diagnosticians shall be eligible for leave as provided in R.S. 17:46(A)(1)(b) and  
14          1170 only in a fiscal year for which the amount of the state and local base per pupil cost  
15          determination, as established in the minimum foundation program formula most recently  
16          approved by the legislature, is increased at least two and three quarters percent over the  
17          amount established for the previous fiscal year.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 468

**Abstract:** Adds certain certified school nurses, audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists to list of school employees eligible for sabbatical leave; limits eligibility to fiscal years that meet certain conditions.

Present law provides that certain teaching staff of the state special schools or of city, parish, or other local public school boards are eligible for sabbatical leave. Includes social workers, guidance counselors, and school psychologists holding valid professional ancillary certificates issued by the state Dept. of Education. Proposed law adds certain school nurses, audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists who hold such certificates to the list of eligible employees. (Specifies that for school nurses, professional ancillary certificate means a Type A, Type B, or Type C certificate.) Limits eligibility of school nurses, audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists to a fiscal year for which the amount of the state and local base per pupil cost determination, as established in the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula most recently approved

by the legislature, is increased at least 2.75% over the amount established for the previous fiscal year.

(Amends R.S. 17:46(A)(1)(b) and 1170)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists to the list of school employees eligible for sabbatical leave.
2. Limits sabbatical eligibility of all employees added by proposed law to fiscal years that meet certain conditions.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Specifies that for school nurses, professional ancillary certificate means a Type A, Type B, or Type C certificate.